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ARGENTINA PROJECT (S200000044)
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1. The local press on August 10 reported remarks made by Assistant Secretary Derian to House Inter-American Affairs sub-committee to the effect that the Argentine government is guilty of systematic torture of political prisoners and summary execution. The remarks were made in response to questions posed after Derian's prepared testimony (which did not mention Argentina by name). Ms. Derian's comments in the Q and A session regarding Argentina received widespread negative publicity and the Foreign Ministry that same night expressed its "indignation" and rejection of the Derian charges. (We have not yet received official text of Ms. Derian's answers regarding Argentina.)

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2. As reported reftel and subsequent DAO report,
the Argentine Navy has decided not to participate
in UNITAS.

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